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Central Command of the Naval Forces

1. The Command of the Bulgarian Black Sea Fleet, headquarters Varna, is directed by Frigate Captain Paraskevov and consists of:
 - a. A surface ship division, Command headquarters Varna; and
 - b. A submarine flotilla, Command headquarters Ochakov, USSR (see paragraph 2c).

Ship Classifications

2. The Bulgarian Navy has the following types of ships:
 - a. Destroyer, GEORGI DIMITROV (former NEZAMOSHNIK, ZANTE, or ZHELYEZYAKOV):
 - (1) Place and date of construction - Nikolayev, 1917-1923;
 - (2) Displacement - 1,323 tons;
 - (3) Dimensions - 93 x 9.3 x 3;
 - (4) Speed - 30 knots (now probably less);
 - (5) Armament - four 100 mm. guns, two 45 mm. guns, one 37 mm. machine gun, three 13 mm. machine guns, twelve 450 mm. launching tubes ~~in rows of three,~~ 45 heavy mines;
 - (6) Motor - turbine, 29,000 H.P.;
 - (7) Crew - 161;

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(8) Fuel - 290 tons;

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(9) Remarks - [redacted] the Soviets allegedly ceded to Bulgaria in place of the NEZAMOSHNIK, an OPTINI class destroyer which has the following characteristics:

(a) Displacement - 1,570 tons;

(b) Armament - three 127 mm. guns, four 45 mm. guns, three 37 mm. guns, eight 533 mm. launching tubes, 60 mines;

(c) Speed - 40 knots.

b. Torpedo-boats KHRABRI, STROGI, DŮRZKI, SMELI:

(1) Place and date of construction - Chalôn on the Saône (Schneider Ship-builders), 1907;

(2) Displacement - 100 tons;

(3) Dimensions - 39 x 4.1 x 2.6;

(4) Armament - four 47 mm. guns, two 450 mm. launching tubes, two 34 mm. machine guns, two depth charge throwing apparatus;

(5) Speed - 20 knots;

(6) Motor - reciprocal, 1 screw, 2,000 H.P.;

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(7) Crew - 23;

(8) Remarks - equipped with dredging apparatus; [redacted] the SMELI was damaged and is to be destroyed.

c. Submarines:

(1) In 1947, Bulgaria received three submarines of more than 500 tons from the USSR; the submarines are stationed in Soviet ports (Odessa or Ochakov);

(2) The submarines are manned by Bulgarian sailors and fly the Bulgarian flag.

d. Motor patrol craft and small subchasers:

(1) Two RILA class ships - 200-ton displacement;

(2) The BELOMORETS and CHERNOMORETS, which have the following characteristics:

(a) Displacement - 77 tons;

(b) Dimensions - 32 x 4.3 x 1.8;

(c) Speed - 17 knots;

(d) Armament - one 47 mm. gun, two 34 mm. guns, one 20 mm. gun, two depth charge throwing apparatus;

(e) Motors - diesel, 660 H.P.;

(f) Endurance - 700 miles at 10 knots;

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(g) Crew - 26;

(h) Remarks - the BELOMORETS and the CHERNOMORETS were acquired
in 1922.

(3) The MARITSA and VARDAR: classified as gunboats

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(4) Two ships of the BO (BOLSHOI OKHOTNIK, large patrol craft) class, the
BO-1 and the BO-2:

(a) Displacement - 95 tons;

(b) Dimensions - 93 x 5 x 2;

(c) Armament - one 40 mm. gun, two 20 mm. guns;

(d) Motors - diesel, two screws;

(e) Speed - 15 knots;

(f) Crew - 28;

(g) Remarks - received from the USSR in 1947; possibly former PC's,
280 tons, received by the USSR
during 1941-1945.

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(5) Five ships of the MO (MALENKII OKHOTNIK, small patrol craft) class:

(a) Displacement - approximately 50 tons;

(b) Dimensions - 27 x 4.5 x 1.5;

(c) Armament - two 20 mm. guns;

(d) Motor - diesel;

(e) Speed - 20 knots;

(f) Crew - 8;

(g) Remarks - received from the USSR in 1947.

e. Motor-torpedo boats:

(1) Six boats of the Soviet TM-200 class:

(a) Place of construction - Ochakov, USSR;

(b) Displacement - 45 tons;

(c) Speed - 30 knots;

(d) Armament - one 40 mm. machine gun, some antiaircraft machine guns,
side torpedo tubes (two torpedoes in reserve), six small and two
large depth charges;

(e) Motors - three of 1,200 H.P.;

(f) Crew - 12;

(g) Remarks - received from the USSR in 1950.

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(2) Four boats of the "WERFT-GUSTO" type:

- (a) date of construction - 1942,
- (b) Displacement - 65 tons;
- (c) Armament - one 40 mm. machine gun, two launching tubes;
- (d) Motors - three Mercedes-Benz (2,850 H.P.);
- (e) Speed - 30 knots;
- (f) Crew - 25.

(3) Three boats of the LÜRSSEN type:

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- (a) Date of construction - 1938-1942,
- (b) Displacement - 60 tons;
- (c) Dimensions - 28 x 4.3 x 1.6;
- (d) Armament - one antiaircraft machine gun, two 533 mm. torpedo tubes;
- (e) Motors - three Mercedes-Benz (3,150 H.P.);
- (f) Speed - 30 knots;
- (g) Crew - 18;

(4) Approximately 10 other motor-torpedo boats, probably of the Soviet TM-200 class, received from the USSR and normally stationed in the military zone of the Soviet port of Ochakov.

f. Mine-sweepers and mine-layers:

- (1) Approximately 30 mine-sweepers in service (various tonnages);
- (2) Six of the boats are allegedly motor launches which the Bulgarians received from the Soviet Navy (thought to be originally part of the German Navy air support);
- (3) Three of the mine-sweepers are allegedly equipped as mine-layers.

g. Auxiliary ships:

(1) The ASEN:

- (a) Displacement - 240 tons;
- (b) Speed - 7 knots;
- (c) Armament - two 65 mm. guns and four machine guns;
- (d) Crew - approximately 200;
- (e) Remarks - constructed in 1912 and remodelled in 1933-1934; is now a training ship.

(2) The KAMCHIYA:

- (a) Displacement - 105 tons;

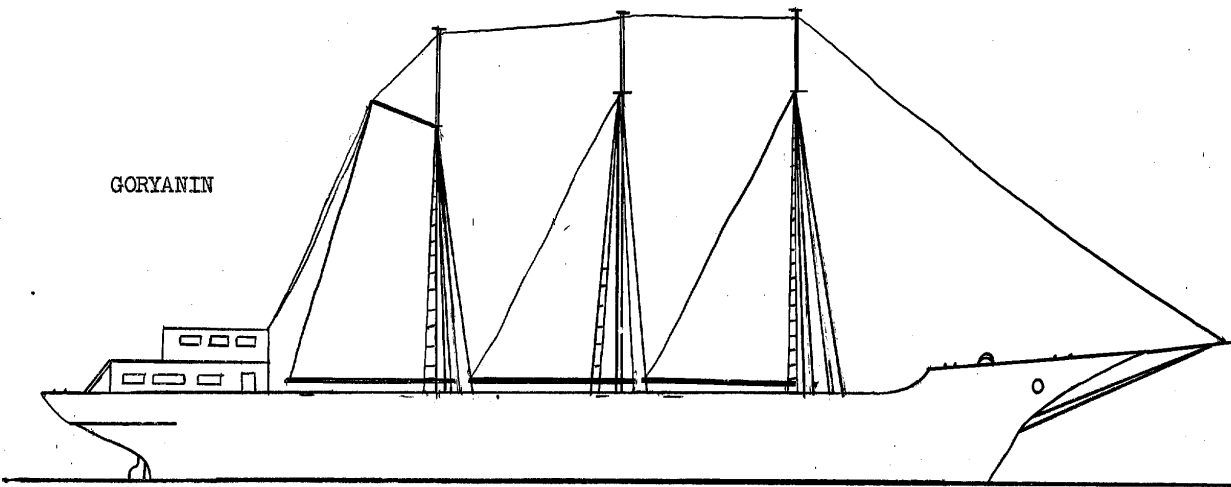
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- (b) Speed - 10-12 knots;
 - (c) Armament - two 65 mm. guns and four machine guns;
 - (d) Remarks - constructed in 1898 and remodelled in 1925.
- (3) Three transport ships, the RAKOVAKI, LAVARI, and RODOPI.
- (4) The GORYANIN:
- (a) Date and place of construction - 1946, Bulgaria;
 - (b) Displacement - 350 tons;
 - (c) Motor - B.T.W. diesel, eight cylinders, 240 H.P.;
 - (d) Remarks - consigned to the Navy in 1951.



- (5) The STRATSIN:
- (a) Date and place of construction - 1944, Varna;
 - (b) Displacement - 250 tons;
 - (c) Motor - diesel (?);
 - (d) Remarks - consigned to the Navy in 1948 for transport service;

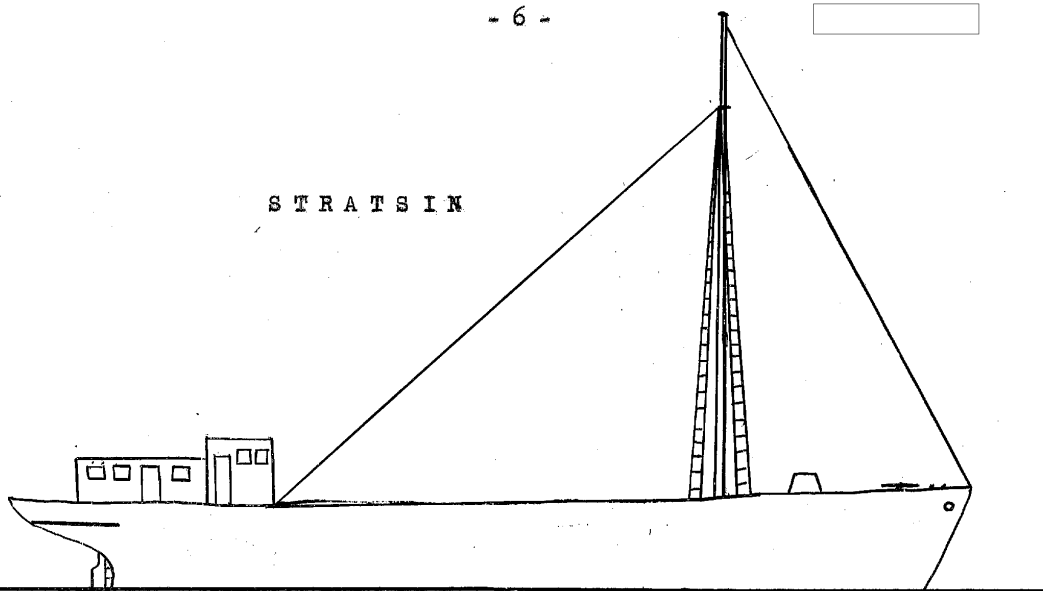
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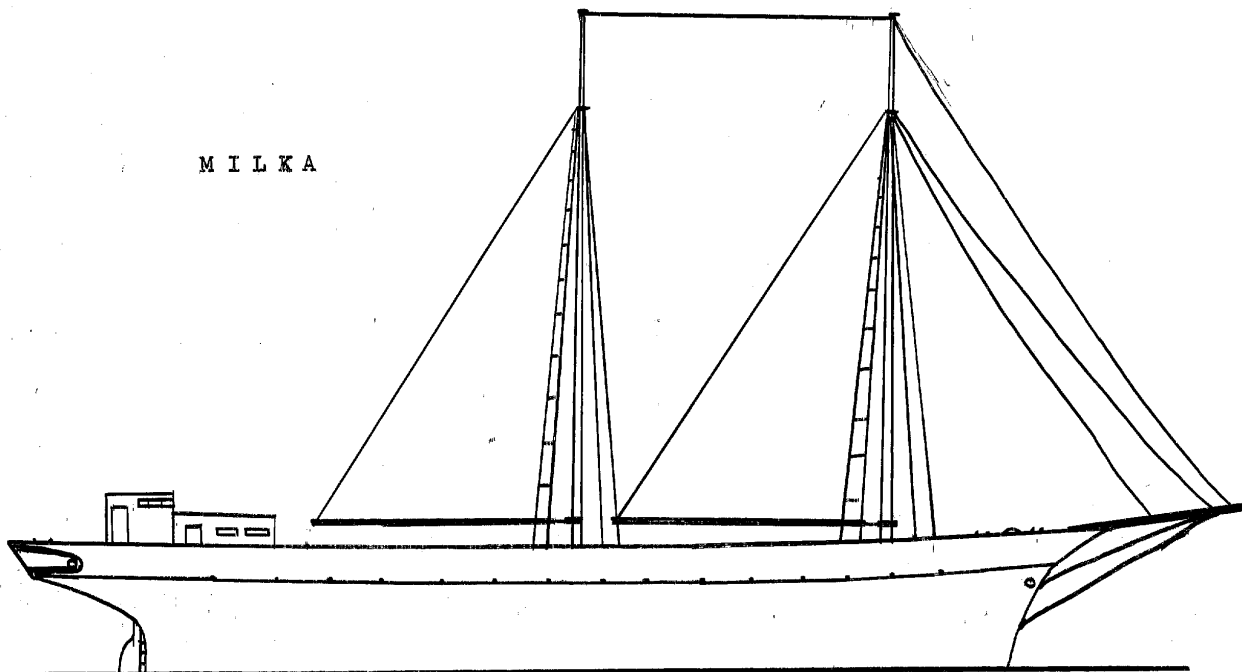


(6) The MILKA:

- (a) Date of construction - 1941-1942,
- (b) Displacement - 200 tons;
- (c) Motor - diesel (?);
- (d) Remarks - consigned to the Navy in April 1949 as a training ship;

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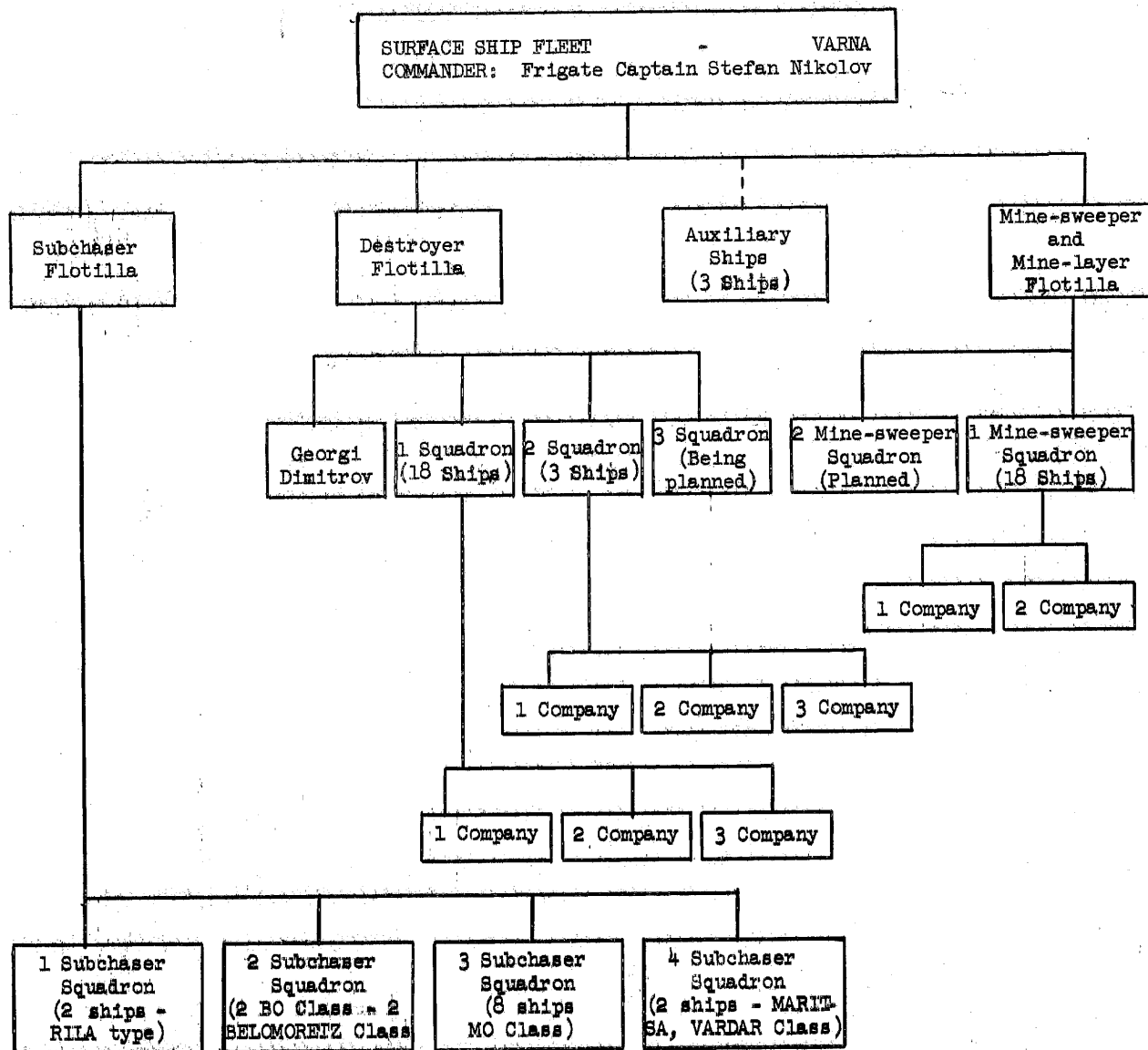
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Naval Force

3. The sketch below shows the breakdown of the Bulgarian Surface Fleet.



4. In addition to the DD GEORGI DIMITROV, the destroyer flotilla consists of approximately 20 motor torpedo boats which are divided into two squadrons; a third squadron is allegedly being planned. Each squadron is divided into three companies of three platoons. Each platoon consists of three sections.
5. The subchaser flotilla, consisting of 18 craft, is divided into four squadrons.
6. The mine-sweeper and mine-layer flotilla consists of 18 craft, all of which are grouped into the First Mine-sweeper Squadron which is divided into two companies. A second squadron is being planned.

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7. The auxiliary fleet consists of the three ships, GORYANIN, STRATSIN, and MILKA, and the three transport ships, RAKOVAKI, LAVAKI, and RODOPI.
8. The following chart shows the breakdown of the Naval Command and numerical data concerning the Bulgarian Naval forces.

TYPE	NUMBER	NAME	DISPLACEMENT	TOTAL DISPLACE- MENT
Destroyer	1	GEORGI DIMITROV	1,323	1,323
Torpedo boats	4	KHRABRI	100	400
		DURZKI		
		STROGI		
		SMELI		
Motor reconnaissance boats and small subchasers	2	RIIA Class	200	400
	2	BELOMORETZ Class	77	154
	2	MARITSA Class	- -	- -
	2	BO Class	95	190
	8	MO Class	50	400
Submarines	3		500	1,500
Motor-torpedo boats	6	TM-200 Class	45	700
	approx. 10	TM-200 Class (?) at Ochakov, USSR		
	4	S-155/158 Class	65	260
	3	LURSEN Class	60	180
Mine-sweepers	approx. 30			2,000
Auxiliary and transport ships	8			1,600 ?

Naval Air Force

9. The Naval Air Force constitutes one unit, the 8 Naval Air Command, of the Military Air Command and corresponds to one air division. It is used primarily for maritime reconnaissance.

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